

Virginia Community Reentry Approach

Virginia Reentry and Community Collaboration Councils are being formed voluntarily across the Commonwealth.

These Councils are addressing key community issues facing localities and they are implementing a collaborative reentry approach unique in its integration of human services and public safety.

What Councils Do

- 🏠 Raise Reentry Public Awareness
- 🏠 Address Reentry Barriers & Other Community Needs
- 🏠 Coordinate Local Service Delivery
- 🏠 Foster Successful Family & Community Reintegration
- 🏠 Track Results

Virginia Reentry & Community Collaboration Councils

More information can be found at:

http://www.dss.virginia.gov/community/prisoner_reentry/index.cgi

Email
prisoner.reentry@dss.virginia.gov

Phone: 1-800-777-8293

Contact a Social Services Agency
<http://www.dss.virginia.gov/localagency/>
or
Probation & Parole Office
<http://www.vadoc.state.va.us/community/community-facilities.shtm>



VIRGINIA REENTRY & COMMUNITY COLLABORATION COUNCILS

Mission Statement

The Virginia Community Reentry Approach strengthens public safety through a community-based reentry approach that provides opportunities for adults and juveniles previously incarcerated, that supports families and that reduces recidivism.

Community Reentry Approach

Communities across Virginia are implementing a collaborative reentry approach unique in its integration of human services and public safety. It is being voluntarily implemented by Virginia localities.

Communities using this approach form local Reentry and Community Collaboration Councils.

Councils address reentry and other community issues such as housing, employment, behavioral health, substance abuse, family services, positive youth development, benefits and food assistance.

They identify community assets and service gaps and focus on reentry by addressing barriers and coordinating reentry related services and resources.

They do not impose any requirements on local government agencies or community partners. Rather, councils are individuals, agencies and organizations coming together to address reentry and community needs through effective collaboration.

Councils Maximize Resources

Reentry & Community Collaboration Councils maximize resources by coordinating and integrating local service delivery. Coordinated services provided those previously incarcerated include areas such as:

- Employment
- Workforce Development
- Housing
- Transportation
- Health/Mental Health/Substance Abuse Services
- Family Reintegration Services



**Communities Collaborating
for
Reentry Success**

Focus on Reentry Success

Reentry & Community Collaboration Councils place emphasis on adoption of evidence-based programming by community service providers, on access to employment and workforce development services, on reentry support for responsible decision making, on development of positive work habits and associations, on formation of healthy relationships and on use of positive parenting practices.

Councils allow communities across Virginia to address locality specific issues, needs and asset in a planned and coordinated way. They also address reentry issues and barriers using a common vision based on shared principles and a collaborative community-based reentry approach.

95% of those incarcerated will be released and return to the community.

Contact the local reentry council serving your community to become involved as a service provider, volunteer or returning citizen seeking help.